

United States Mission to Kenya

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

2006 Fact Sheet



The United States Global AIDS Coordinator has approved a 2006 budget of \$208,269,876 (15 billion Kenyan shillings) for a comprehensive program of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment in Kenya supported by the American people. Under the leadership of Ambassador William M. Bellamy, the Emergency Plan is implemented by committed Kenyan and American technical staff of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Walter Reed Medical Research Unit, U.S. Agency for International Development, and staff and volunteers of the Peace Corps. These men and women work with hundreds of local and international partners across Kenya to prevent new infections and to ease the burdens of those already ill and those who care for them. This fact sheet highlights planned results and funding levels for major program areas in 2006.

PREVENTION

Efforts to prevent the spread of HIV are organized in five areas:

- ✓ helping 32,000 HIV-positive mothers protect their newborn infants from HIV (\$10.9 million),
- ✓ promoting a safe blood supply by collecting 100,000 uninfected units of blood (\$3.7 million),
- ✓ preventing sexual transmission among high risk populations (\$11.3 million),
- ✓ promoting abstinence and faithfulness, with a special emphasis on reaching over one million young Kenyans to help them avoid HIV (\$12.2 million), and
- ✓ working for safer medical injection practices (\$3 million).

Together, these programs are intended to prevent nearly 200,000 infections that might otherwise have occurred by 2008.

CARE AND SUPPORT

Emergency Plan care and support programs for Kenya include the following:

- ✓ diagnosing and effectively managing TB and HIV co-infection in 90,000 Kenyans (\$6.5 million),
- ✓ caring for over 130,000 orphans and vulnerable children (\$14.1 million),
- ✓ counseling and testing so that more than 600,000 Kenyans can learn their HIV status (\$10.8 million), and
- ✓ providing hospice, home-based care and other basic health care services to 250,000 Kenyan men, women and children with HIV-related illnesses (\$12.4 million).

TREATMENT

Because effective medicines are finally affordable, and because so many Kenyans are already ill as a result of long-term infection with HIV, our Emergency Plan program will commit over \$100 million to make life-prolonging treatment available to as many as possible as quickly as possible. Specific activities include:

- ✓ directly supporting anti-retroviral treatment for 75,000 of the more than 120,000 Kenyans who are expected to be on treatment during 2006 (\$54 million),
- ✓ purchasing anti-retroviral medications (\$39.8 million), and
- ✓ supporting laboratory infrastructure for monitoring of treatment safety and effectiveness (\$8.6 million).

Beginning with only three treatment sites directly supported by the United States in 2003, we now support over 180 sites across Kenya. That number will exceed 220 centers in 2006, meaning that safe and affordable treatment will be available nearly everywhere Kenyans need it.

COORDINATION

All of these programs support the prevention, care and treatment priorities of the Government of Kenya. The U.S. Interagency Team for the Emergency Plan works with the National AIDS Control Council in the Office of the President, the National AIDS and STD Control Programme in the Ministry of Health, the Department of Children's Services in the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Ministry of Education to assure that programs we support meet Kenya's needs. We further coordinate with UNAIDS, UNICEF, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, and the Health Donor Working Group to promote high levels of complementarity across the donor community.

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